In the Claims:

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13. (Currently Amended) A tape measuring device for determining ~~laying out~~ a first distance ~~in real life~~, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio ~~relative to real life~~, the measuring device comprising:

a first set of indicia comprising marks matching a common system of units;

a second set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units, wherein the value of the units of the second set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia ~~and being adjusted linearly~~ by the inverse of the first scaling ratio ~~wherein the first dimension matches the first distance~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The measurement device of claim 13 being further adapted for laying out a second distance ~~in real life~~, wherein when a second distance ~~in real life~~ is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio ~~relative to real life~~, further comprising a third set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units wherein the value of the units of the third set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia ~~and being adjusted linearly~~ by the inverse of the second scaling ratio ~~wherein the second dimension matches the second distance~~.

15. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 further comprising a housing.

16. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first set of indicia comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

17. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13, wherein the first and second set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

18. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first scaling ratio corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method of laying out a first distance in real life, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio relative to real life, the method comprising:

determining the first dimension on the drawing in units of a common system of units by comparing the drawing to a first set of marks on a measuring device ;

comparing the first dimension as shown on the measuring device by the first set of marks to a second set of marks on the measuring, said second set of marks also consulting a first set of indicia, the first set of indicia comprising marks on a measuring device, the marks correlating corresponding to the common system of units, wherein the value of the units of the first set of marks corresponds to the value of the second set of marks and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the first scaling ratio wherein the first dimension matches the first distance.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a second distance in real life is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio relative to real life, further comprising the steps of

determining the second dimension on the second drawing in units of a common system of units by comparing the drawing to the first set of marks on a measuring device;

comparing the second dimension as shown on the measuring device by the first set of marks to a third set of marks, said third set of marks also consulting a second set of indicia, the second set of indicia comprising marks on a measuring device, the marks correlating corresponding to the common system of units wherein the value of the units of the first set of marks corresponds to the third set of marks and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the second scaling ratio wherein the second dimension matches the second distance.

21. (Currently Amended) A device for determining a size of an object in real life, the device comprising:

a first set of regularly spaced indicia used to size the object when it is depicted at a first scale other than real life;

a first and second mark disposed on the first set of indicia for sizing the object between the marks;

a second set of regularly spaced indicia corresponding to the first set of indicia, the

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second set of indicia having a spacing between the indicia related to the first set of indicia by an inverse to the first scale, the second set of indicia not being equivalent to an established measurement system ~~in real life~~;

corresponding first and second marks disposed on the second set of indicia for sizing the object ~~in real life using the corresponding marks~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The measurement device of claim 21 being adapted for determining a further size of an object ~~in real life~~ when the object is depicted at a second scale other than real-life; the device further comprising

a third set of regularly spaced indicia corresponding to the first set of indicia, the third set of indicia having a spacing between the indicia related to the first set of indicia by an inverse to the second scale, the third set of indicia not being equivalent to an established measurement system ~~in real life~~;

further corresponding first and second marks disposed on the third set of indicia for sizing the object in ~~real life using the further corresponding marks~~.

23. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 21 further comprising a housing.

24. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 21 wherein the first set of indicia comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

25. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 21, wherein the first and second set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

26. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 21 wherein the scale corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.

27-28. (Cancelled)

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